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Valley of the Moon Amateur Radio Club WIRELESS

FROM THE TOP OF THE HILL

A reminder that the club will be participating in Light House Day on Aug. 18,19. We need to get a crew to set up antennas, operate, and help in the tear down.

Looks like we need a net control person for the Wednesday night net for July.
See you at the next meeting or on the air.

—73 Jim K6UUW

MEETING NOTICE

The July meeting will be at the Sonoma PD on Wednesday, July 18 at 7:30 pm. There will be a presentation on a fairly new digital mode called JT-65. This mode exploits the power of computer software to pull signals out of the noise. Even though you might not be on the HF bands, I think you all will find this presentation very interesting.
—Jim K6UUW

Minutes of June 20

The meeting was called to order at 1935 by President Jim K6UUW.

Introduction of attendees:
ED W1EJ, ALAN K6KLL, SAN N6PIB, MIKE WB6TMH, DICK KF6KZM, RORY KJ6QIR, SCOTT KJ6QIQ, DARREL WD6BOR, ANDREW KE6HID, DESMOND KJ6DPZ, DECLAN KA2QQO, FRANK KG6N, GORDON W6DDU, STAN NJ6E,

Last month's minutes were not in the newsletter.

Officer's reports:

President (K6UUW) thanked those who attended Young Eagles at Sonoma Sky Park. He said that a thank you letter should be sent to John Sharpe's family and he will arrange it.

VP (W1EJ) returned the club log. No other report.

Treasurer (KJ6DPZ) Bank balance $2118.54 with a deposit of $1200 pending.

Radio Officer: Nothing to report except field day network needing setup, to discuss further at breakfast Friday.

ACS (N6KM) advised that Ken Harrison is still around but a lame duck. The process is at a standstill causing frustration and discouraging new applicants. The unit leader meetings are hit or miss and the situation may take a while to get resolved.

Breakfast this Saturday- Palms 730AM

Field Day was the main topic:

We will run 3A. Meet 830AM Saturday at MacDougall Hall at SDC. Gate lock code 747. Talk in 146.205. Antennas to bring, radios, and batteries. Darrel Jones will probably not be there to cook dinner because he is waiting for his new grandchild, so the menu will be burgers and dogs and pot luck for the rest, Ed(W1EJ) will acquire the meat and buns and will cook. Pancakes for breakfast on Sunday.

Other details will be finalized at breakfast Friday.

Next year field day was discussed. Motion to have it at Sonoma Sky Park made by Frank (KG6N), seconded by Ed (W1EJ) passed by unanimous vote.

New Business:

VE Session scheduled for 6/30/12 with 4 VEs so far. More needed because turnout could be high due to new question pool taking effect on July 1,

VOMARC picnic will be in September, details to be worked out later.

Christmas Party- All agreed that Mary's would be good and the date should be 12/5.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55.

Respectfully submitted,
—Ed Jacobson in lieu of Secretary.

CALIFORNIA HAM CITED $17,000 FOR OPERATING UNLICENSED RADIO STATION

On July 2, the FCC issued a Notice of Apparent Liability for Forfeiture and Order in the amount of $17,000, accusing Brian R. Ragan, KF6EGI, of Suisun City, California, of "apparently willfully and repeatedly violating" the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, by operating an unlicensed radio transmitter on frequency 104.9 MHz and failing to allow an inspection of his station by FCC personnel.

The Commission said that Ragan, "as a licensed Amateur Radio operator for at least six years, [he] should be aware that any radio equipment at his station must be made available for inspection at any time when requested by the FCC, and also should be aware of the proper operation of his amateur station in accordance with the Rules."

(From ARRL newsletter)

ARRL Training Courses Updated

The former Amateur Radio Emergency Communications (AREC) series of three levels of emergency communications courses has been reconfigured into two new courses: An introductory course for radio amateurs who want to volunteer to provide services for public service and emergency communications, and a course for leaders and managers who are responsible for training and coordinating response efforts.

The course descriptions for both of these courses that make up the ARRL's ARES® training program can be found in the ARRL Online Course Catalog. Links to register for each course are included in the course descriptions.

(from ARRL ARES E-Letter)

Field Day 2012

Thanks to all who participated in the operating, set up, and tear down. A special thanks to Ed, W1EJ, for stepping up to honcho the Sat. night dinner.

FIELD DAY WRAP UP

2012 was one of the better Field Days in the view of many of the participants. Beside the great company and delicious food, we made more Q's that last year.

Here is the run down.

- Phone 468
- CW 377
- Digital 66
- Total 911

When all the multipliers and bonus points are added, we should have around 3500 pts. This should put close to the top in the section and class. Looking at last year's scores, we should be in the top 10% in the division.

Saturday, the CW ops were in charge and Frank, KG6N, at one time, had a rate of 100 QSO's / min.

—Jim K6UUW, Photos by Ken N6KN

2012 ACS
Net Control Assignments

	Name	Call
JANUARY	EILEEN	KG6QNT
FEBRUARY	JIM	K6UUW
MARCH	JIM	K6UUW
APRIL		
MAY		
JUNE	GEORGE	K6ITE
JULY	CRAIG	KF6QZP
AUGUST		
SEPTEMBER	SAM	W5LTP
OCTOBER	DICK	KF6FZM
NOVEMBER	MIKE	WD6TMH
DECEMBER	DARREL	WD6BOR

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	Name	Call
JANUARY	ED	WIEJ
FEBRUARY	JIM	K6UUW
MARCH	JOAN	W6WXU
APRIL	DAVE	KG6FIL
MAY	FRANK	KG6N
JUNE	ED	W1EJ
JULY		
AUGUST	KEN	N6KM
SEPTEMBER	SAM	W5LTP
OCTOBER	DICK	KF6FZM
NOVEMBER	MIKE	WB6TMH
DECEMBER	DARREL	WD6BOR

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Ken McTaggart, N6KM – ACS Unit Leader

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Jim Hill, K6UUW – Elmer Coordinator

Ken McTaggart, N6KM – Station Trustee for W6AJF

Eileen Adams, KG6QNT – Webmeistress, Editor

Receipt of the Wireless is one of the most sought after benefits of membership in VOMARC—S. Marler.

CLUB MEETINGS are held on the third Wednesday of each month at McDougal Hall at the Sonoma Developmental Center, Eldridge or the Sonoma Fire Station on 2nd St West. Meetings start at 19:30 local (7:30 P.M.).

WEB PAGE: http://www.vomarc.org/

Nets are held every Wednesday night at 19:30 (7:30 P.M.) local, except meeting nights on the 145.350 repeater, -600 kHz, PL 88.5 Hz.

ACS holds a net each Monday evening at 19:30 local on the 146.205, +600, PL 88.5 Hz repeater.

PACKET STATION INFO: The VOMARC packet station is off the air until further notice.

CLUB BREAKFASTS are held on the first Saturday of each month at Palms Grill (formerly Issa's) Restaurant, 18999 Sonoma Highway, Sonoma. The fun starts at 09:30 local.

Comments and submissions of material may be sent to:

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Sat./Sun. Aug. 18-19, 2012 1600Z to 2359Z
SSB: 14270,7270 kHz
PSK: 14070, 7035 kHz; CW: 14040 kHz
QSLs via W6AJF w/S.A.S.E.

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE WED, JULY 18, AT THE CITY OF SONOMA EOC, 175 1ST ST W, SONOMA AT 7:30PM
SEE YOU THERE.

VOMARC MEMBERSHIP

VOMARC 2012 Membership Dues: $15/year individual; $5/year family member.

VOMARC encourages its members to join the ARRL. More information is available at www.arrl.org.
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Dues may be mailed to Desmond KI6DZP, 416 Claudia Dr, Sonoma, CA 95476, or brought to the next meeting.
Your check should be made payable to: **VOMARC.**